

CHARTER

Inter-agency Working Group Outreach and Communication

Subcommittee on Forensic Science Committee on Science National Science and Technology Council

A. Designation

The Inter-agency Working Group for Outreach and Communication (IWG OC) of the Subcommittee on Forensic Science (Subcommittee) is hereby established.

B. Background

The Charter of the Subcommittee on Forensic Science, Committee of Science (COS), National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), was enacted on July 7, 2009. The Subcommittee on Forensic Science will advise and assist the COS and the NSTC and other coordination bodies of the Executive Office of the President on policies, procedures and plans related to forensic science in the national security, criminal justice, and medical examiner/coroner systems at the local, state and federal levels.

C. Functions

The IWG OC shall support the efforts of the Subcommittee and the Subcommittee's four other IWGs by facilitating the process of outreaching to and gaining input from forensic science and criminal justice organizations; state, local and private practitioners; and other stakeholders. Among other tasks, the IWG OG shall implement methods for sharing information about the Subcommittee's and the IWGs' activities, including the management of a website.

D. Organization

The IWG OC's co-chairs, executive secretary, and voting members shall be federal employees. In addition, state, local, and/or tribal elected officers (or their designated employees with authority to act on their behalf), and only such officers or employees, shall be invited to participate in the IWG OC as members in an advisory capacity.

E. Termination

The IWG OC shall terminate concurrently with the Subcommittee on Forensic Science.

F. Approval

In my capacity as Co-chair of the Subcommittee on Forensic Science, I hereby determine that the formation of the Inter-agency Working Group for Outreach and Communication is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law, and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.



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